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**Sent:** Wed 10/4/2017 5:18:25 PM  
**Subject:** Inquiries from a Reuters journalist

Dear Working Group,

We have learned that some of you have received email from a journalist with the Reuters agency, Kate Kelland, who has written several articles about the evaluation of glyphosate (<https://usrtk.org/pesticides/reuters-kate-kelland-iarc-story-promotes-false-narrative/>, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/monsanto-spin-doctors-target-cancer-scientist-in-flawed\\_us\\_594449eae4b0940f84fe2e57](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/monsanto-spin-doctors-target-cancer-scientist-in-flawed_us_594449eae4b0940f84fe2e57)). Her email requests responses to detailed questions about a draft document from the volume 112 Monograph meeting.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that the documents circulated at Monograph meetings are deliberative drafts, which are to be treated as the confidential property of IARC in order to protect the Working Group's discussions from interference by vested interests. For this reason, we advise that you do not answer questions from the media about draft documents or discussions related to them.

Some members of the Working Group have advised us that they will not respond to Ms Kelland's email or to phone inquiries; this is a completely acceptable response as you are not under any obligation to respond to media inquiries. You may also refer inquiries to IARC.

We are grateful for your excellent scientific work on this Monograph and for your support of the programme. Please do not hesitate if you have further questions.

With best regards,  
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